キャプテンがすんなり決まる代は強い。

ちなみに自分達の代はキャプテン決まるまで1週間かかったな――(泣)

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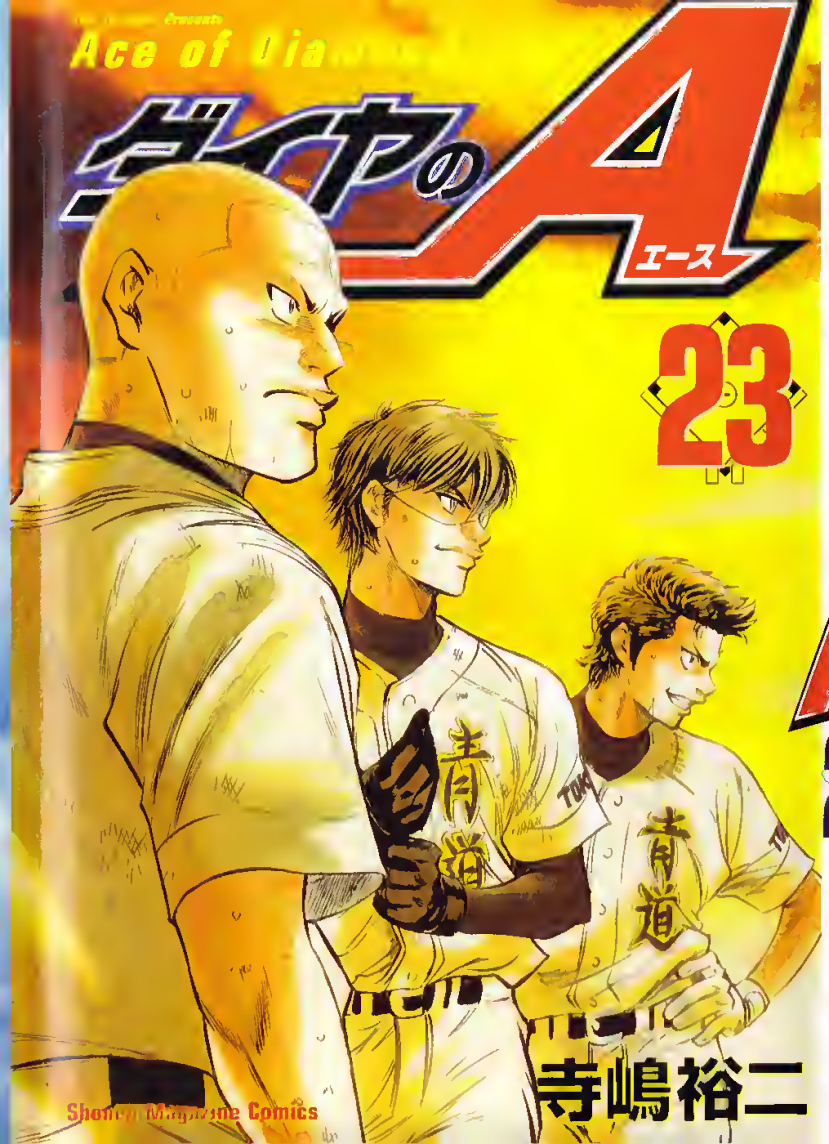

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白州健二郎
ライト

無口で控えめな性格で攻守とも堅実。川上とは親友。二年生。

倉持洋一
ショート

沢村と同室。沢村をイジメるのが好き。守備力と走力が高い。二年生。

川上憲史
ピッチャー

リリーフ経験豊富な頭脳の投手。気の弱いところがある。二年生。

前園健太
ファースト

スタンドで誰よりも熱い応援を送っていた。レギュラー入りを狙う。二年生。

片岡鉄心

部員達を心から信頼し、時には熱く、そして厳しく指導する鬼監督。

小湊春市
セカンド

秀逸なバットコントロールで高打率を保持。小湊亮介は兄。一年生。

沢村栄純
ピッチャー

出所の見えないクセ球（ムービングボール）が持ち味。折れない「ハートの強さ」が長所。一年生。

降谷暁
ピッチャー

剛速球が武器の投手で打撃力も怪物クラス。持久力に課題あり。一年生。

御幸一也
キャッチャー

投手の才能を引き出せる天才捕手。稲実・成宮に誘われた過去も。二年生。

Chapter 193 / Our Generation

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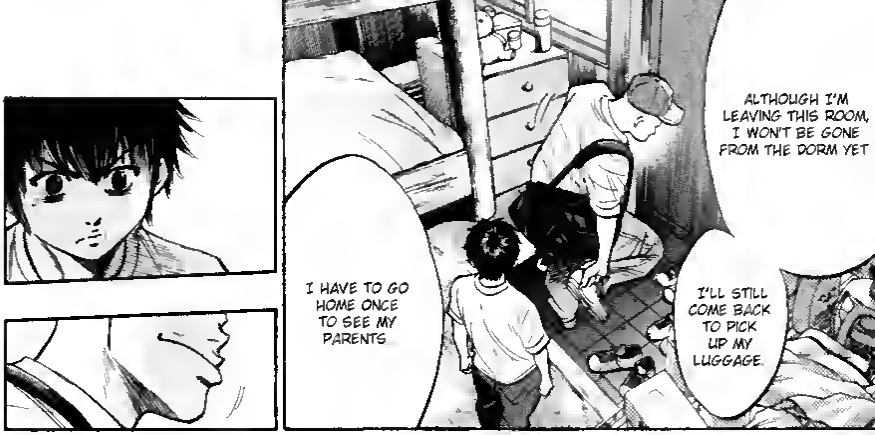
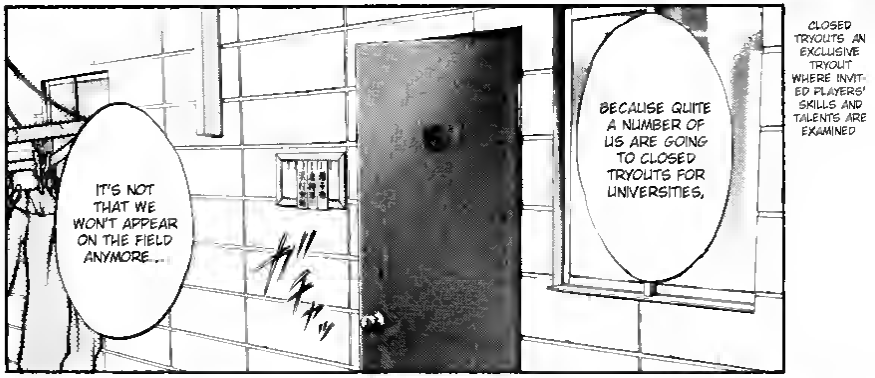
SIGNS RIGHT TO LEFT: MASUKO, KURAMOCHI, SAWAMURA


ALTHOUGH I'M LEAVING THIS ROOM, I WON'T BE GONE FROM THE DORM YET
I'LL STILL COME BACK TO PICK UP MY LUGGAGE.
I HAVE TO GO HOME ONCE TO SEE MY PARENTS.


CLOSED TRYOUTS: AN EXCLUSIVE TRYOUT WHERE INVITED PLAYERS' SKILLS AND TALENTS ARE EXAMINED
BECAUSE QUITE A NUMBER OF US ARE GOING TO CLOSED TRYOUTS FOR UNIVERSITIES,
IT'S NOT THAT WE WON'T APPEAR ON THE FIELD ANYMORE...
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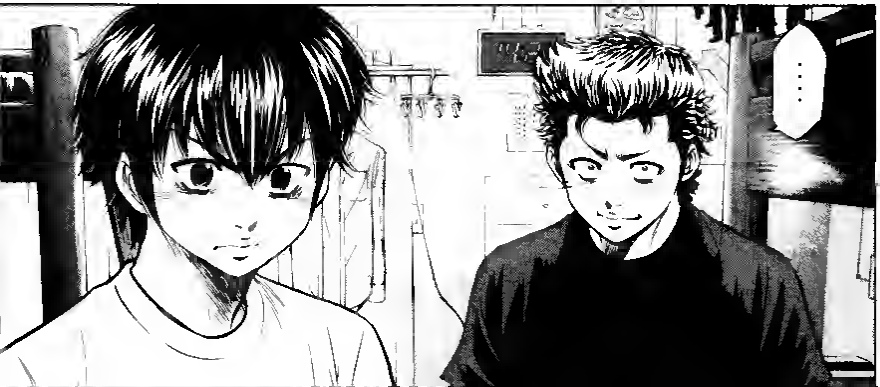
...
KURAMOCHI

CHAPTER 193 / OUR GENERATION



バタン…

SIGHhhh THIS ROOM FEELS BIGGER...
ALTHOUGH WE SHOULD BE FEELING GLAD ABOUT IT...

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TCH

WORKS
...
I'LL GO TAKE A LOOK AT THE OTHER ROOMS
DO YOU WANT TO COME ALONG TOO?
1431
NO WAY!!
There's nothing for me even if I go back home!
WHAT ABOUT YOU, KURAMOCHI -SENPAI?
HEY... IT IS FINE FOR YOU TO GO HOME
WE'VE GOT A 2-DAY BREAK AFTER ALL
THEN... IT'S THE SAME FOR ME...
WORKS
DAMN YOU! I'LL BEAT UP YOU IF YOU'RE STILL WEARING THAT LOOK WHEN I COME BACK!!

EVEN THOUGH I'M THE ONE STILL HUNG UP ABOUT THAT...
WHAT'S THE BEST WAY TO PUT IT INTO WORDS.
DAMN!

TCH

THE SENPAI ARE NO LONGER AROUND...
AT THIS RATE, WE CAN'T LEAD THE NEW TEAM..
THE NIGHT AFTER RETURNING FROM LOSING THE GAME

No one started on the food prepared for the victory party...
The 3rd years kept crying...

AND THEN,
WHENEVER THEY SEE ONE ANOTHER'S FACE, TEARS NATURALLY FLOWED.
EVEN THOUGH WE SHED THE SAME TEARS, OUR FEELINGS DIFFER.

THE DIFFERENCE IN BURDEN.
WE CAN'T JOIN THE SENPAI IN SHEDDING TEARS.
HOLDING THAT RESOLVE IS THE ONLY THING WE, THE UNDERCLASSMEN, ARE CAPABLE OF DOING.

IS THAT SO. THEY WILL HAVE A BREAK FROM PRACTICE FOR 2 DAYS
YES
SIGN PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE / PRINCIPAL
校長室
WELL WELL EVEN SO, IT WAS A REAL SHAME ABOUT THE GAME
TO HAVE CORNERED INASHIRO THAT MUCH
IT'S JUST THAT'S ALL UNNECES-SARY RIGHT
YOU EVEN YELLED SO LOUDLY AT THE END.
WHETHER YOU SAY IT'S REGRETTABLE ... OR A WASTE ...

THE PLAYERS FOUGHT WELL TO THE VERY END.
I APOLOGIZE FOR BEING UNABLE TO BRING GOOD NEWS.
NO-NO! IT'S NOT LIKE WE'RE BLAMING COACH KATAOKA
IT'S GOOD ENOUGH TO END UP SECOND

I THINK THAT WE SHOULD WORK TOGETHER WITH THE CLUB ADVISOR AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AND TALK TO THEM REGARDING THEIR FUTURE CAREER PLANS...
INCLUDING THE PLAYERS WHO WEREN'T INVITED TO CLOSED TRYOUTS...
THERE ARE STILL A LOT OF KIDS WHO ARE UNSURE OF THEIR FUTURE DIRECTION...
ALSO THERE IS ANOTHER PRACTICE MATCH ARRANGED NEXT WEEK.
AND WE NEED TO HURRY WITH THE NEW TEAM CAPTAIN TOO...
YEAH... I WANT TO HEAR IT FROM THEM DIRECTLY TOO...
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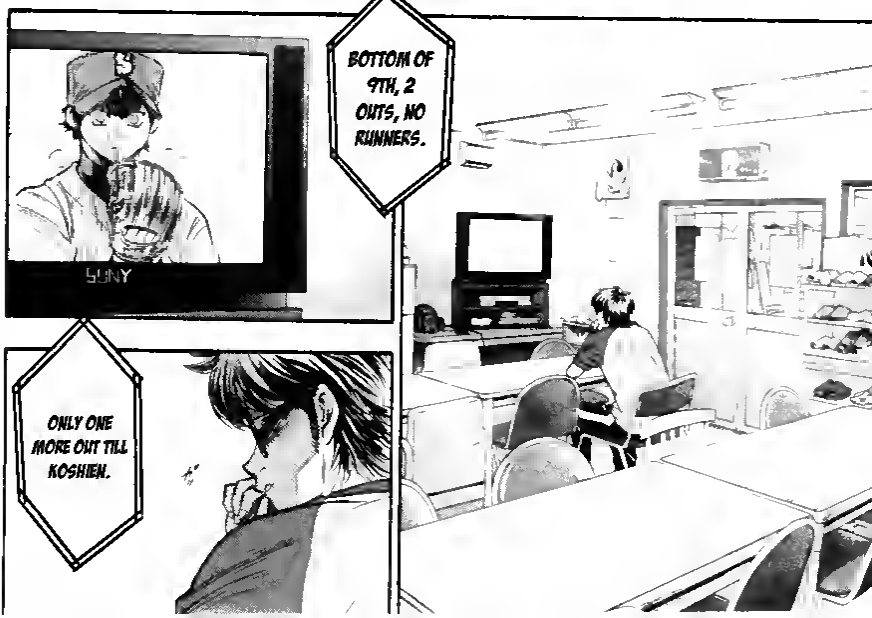
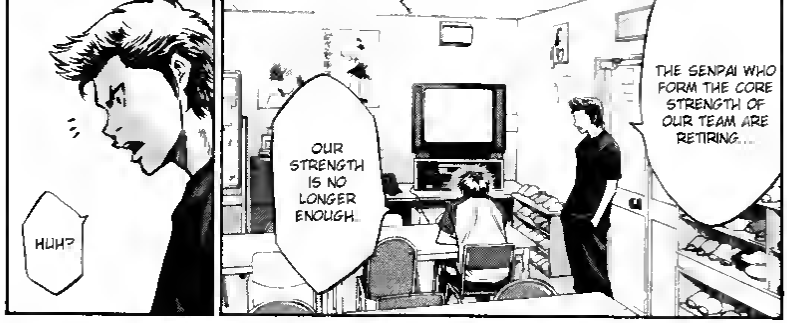
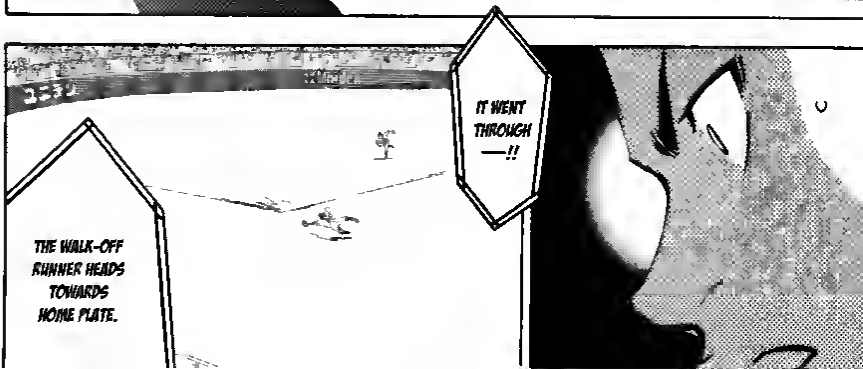

BOTTOM OF 9TH, 2 OUTS, NO RUNNERS.
SUNY
ONLY ONE MORE OUT TILL KOSHIEN.

IN THE FINAL INNING, SAWAMURA'S FACE AND BEARING ARE OBVIOUSLY DIFFERENT...
WHY DIDN'T I GO TO THE MOUND AND GIVE HIM SOME TIME?
IS IT BECAUSE I WAS TOO ANXIOUS ABOUT WINNING...?
YOU'VE BEEN REPLAYING THE GAME ALL OF YESTERDAY AND TODAY.
ALTHOUGH I THINK IT IS GOOD TO KEEP IT IN MIND...
BUT... ISN'T IT ENOUGH FOR NOW?


HUH?
OUR STRENGTH IS NO LONGER ENOUGH.
THE SENPAI WHO FORM THE CORE STRENGTH OF OUR TEAM ARE RETIRING...

THE WHOLE TEAM, INCLUDING MYSELF.


IT WENT THROUGH ——!!
THE WALK-OFF RUNNER HEADS TOWARDS HOME PLATE.

A DRAMATIC END AT THE BOTTOM OF 9TH INNING
THE ONE WHO PUTS AN END TO THESE 2 HOURS AND 53 MINUTES OF DESPERATE STRUGGLE IS THE ACE AND HIS BAT——
EVEN THOUGH WE HAVE SUCH RELIABLE SENPAI ON OUR TEAM, WE STILL DIDN'T ACHIEVE VICTORY
THIS GUY..
NEITHER IS OUR ACE !!
THE UNWAVERING CLEANUP HITTER IS NO LONGER AROUND...

AT THIS RATE...
KOSHIEN WILL BE BEYOND OUR DREAMS FOR OUR GENERATION
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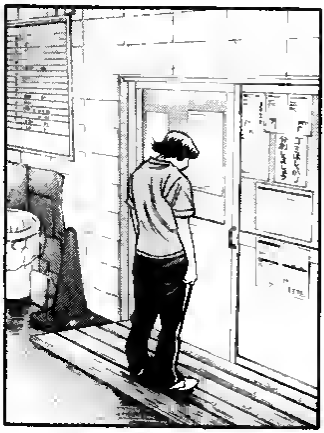

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HONGWA

DID YOU SAY ANYTHING TO RYOUSUKE-SAN?
WHAT, KOMINATO?
YOU DIDN'T GO HOME EITHER?
...NO..
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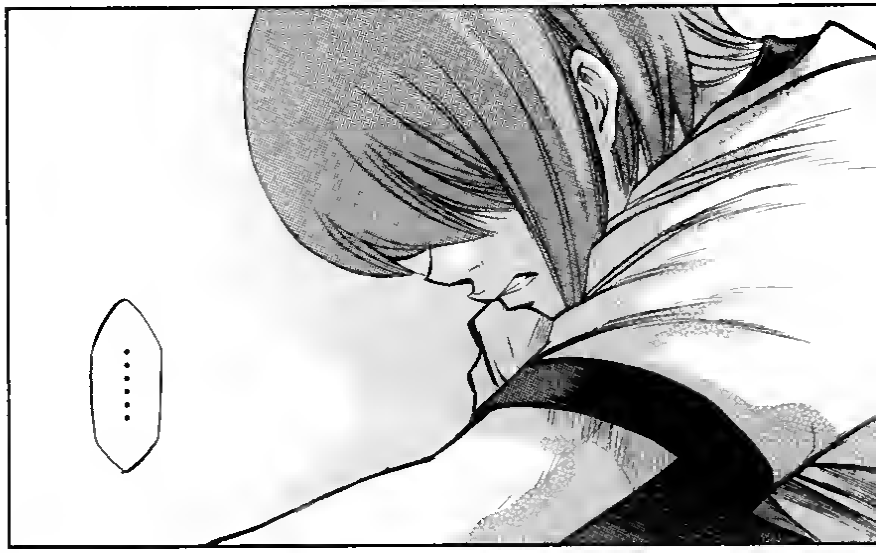
WELL... EVEN IF I TALK... I HONESTLY DON'T KNOW WHAT TO SAY...
DARAT
...
HE'S A VERY STRONG-WILLED GUY...
THIS IS ALSO THE FIRST TIME I'VE SEEN THAT GUY CRY...
DARAT
I HEARD IT FROM SHIRASU.
RYOU-SAN WILLINGLY RETURNED TO THE DUGOUT...

I WILL GIVE EVERYTHING I'VE GOT
AFTER ALL THIS WHILE, STRUGGLING HARD CAN'T WE HELP!?
ROTTWEILER

I DEFINITELY WANT TO GO TO KOSHIEN.
THIS IS THE FIRST AND LAST CHANCE FOR US BROTHERS TO GO TO KOSHIEN..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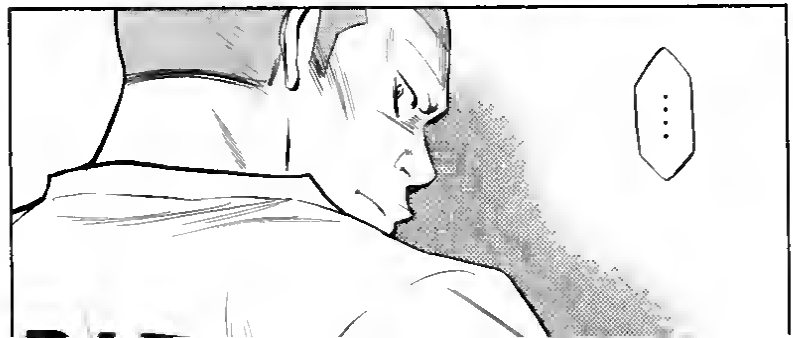
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CHAPTER 194 / DECLARATION

OI IS IT REALLY ALRIGHT?
I'LL GO ON MY OWN!
WHAT? YOU DON'T FEEL LIKE TAKING PRACTICE SWINGS TODAY?
...HMPH. I ENVY YOU.
YOU GUYS WHO PLAYED IN THE GAME CAN FEEL DEPRESSED FROM THE BOTTOM OF YOUR HEART.

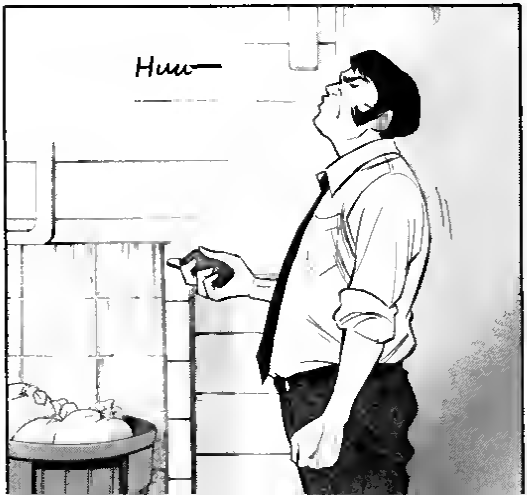
I DON'T MIND EVEN IF I'M MISUNDER-STOOD, JUST SO YOU KNOW
SOMEWHERE IN MY HEART, I HAVE BEEN WAITING FOR THIS DAY.
THE DAY THE SENPAI RETIRE.
HUH!?

I CHEERED ON THEM WITH ALL MY MIGHT...
THE MOMENT WE LOST, MY MIND WAS A COMPLETE BLANK.
OF COURSE I FEEL REGRET TOO...
BUT
...
TO BE FRANK, I WANT TO PLAY IN THE MATCH TOO.
EVEN IF IT'S A GAME WE LOST
I WANT TO STAND ON THE FIELD AS A PLAYER—

FROM NOW ON, THIS IS OUR GENERATION.
THAT THOUGHT IS ENOUGH TO MAKE ME ALL EXCITED.
YOU WERE IN THE DUGOUT EVEN THOUGH YOU'RE A 1ST YEAR.
YOU WON'T UNDERSTAND THE FEELINGS OF US GUYS WHO WERE IN THE STANDS
Hmph

HI... HELLO

THEN, PLEASE TAKE IT EASY.
OH, I SEE
YOU ARRIVED SAFELY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EVEN THOUGH IT IS OUR JOB UNTIL THEY DECIDE THEIR FUTURE PATHS,
THE 3RD YEARS HAVE RETIRED—...
HUH?
clang
WHO IN THE WORLD...
C.. COACH KATAOKA
THERE SHOULDN'T BE ANY PRACTICE TODAY..

DAMN... DON'T YOU COME!!
GO HOME!!
ZO-NOMU!
THIS ISN'T SECRET TRAINING ANYMORE!
Tch
PEOPLE JUST KEEP COMING IN.
SEE! THEY'RE PRACTIC-ING!

EVEN THOUGH THERE WERE GIVEN A RARE 2-DAY BREAK...
THESE KIDS...
clang
...
ISN'T THIS BECAUSE OF THE 3RD YEARS' EXAMPLE?
EVEN THOUGH THE PREVIOUS GENERATION HAS LEFT, THEIR SPIRIT IS PASSED ON TO THE NEXT GENERATION.

THESE KIDS WILL DEFINITELY...
TRUST AND FOLLOW THE COACH.
?
...

総合グラウンド

haa—
FURUYA!
HONOLNA
KPCO.
YOU..
COULD YOU HAVE BEEN RUNNING ALL THE WHILE...
O..
OI...

I NO LONG-ER...
I WANT TO FEEL THAT AGAIN.
HUH?
THE MOMENT WHEN THE GAME ENDED.

FROM THE DUGOUT—
I COULD... ONLY WATCH...
青道
青道

IF ONLY...
IF ONLY I HAD MORE STRENGTH—...

I WON'T HAND THE MOUND OVER TO ANYONE ANYMORE.

I... WILL BECOME THE ACE OF THIS TEAM.

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CHAPTER 195 / THE NEXT CAPTAIN

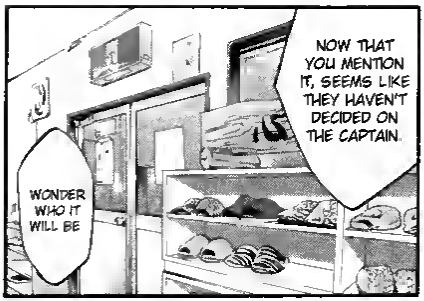
AUGUST 2ND
chomp
chomp
GET ME SOME EGGS!
AH, GIVE ME SECONDS TOO!
I WANT TEA!
clatter
73

chatter
chatter
THE FIGHT FOR STARTING POSITIONS HAS BEGUN...
EVEN THOUGH PRACTICE STARTS TOMORROW ...
AREN'T THE SENPAI TOO SPIRITED?

WE'RE PART OF IT TOO.
WHAT ARE YOU GUYS SAYING?
KYRGYZSTAN
1ST YEAR
KANEMARU SHINJI

...
YOU'RE EATING A LOT TODAY
munch
munch
SABRE

N... NO, WELL THAT'S FOR CERTAIN.
I HEARD THAT THE SUMMER BREAK PRACTICE IS VERY TOUGH


WONDER WHO IT WILL BE
NOW THAT YOU MENTION IT, SEEMS LIKE THEY HAVEN'T DECIDED ON THE CAPTAIN.

THOSE 3 AREN'T THE ONLY 1ST YEARS AROUND!!

UNDER NORMAL CIRCUMSTANCES, I THINK THAT IT IS EITHER ONE OF THOSE 2 WHO FORM THE CORE STRENGTH OF THE TEAM.

AH.. I THINK SO TOO.
ALTHOUGH HE'S A LITTLE SCARY, I HEARD HIS VOICE EVEN FROM THE STANDS.
BUT IN TERMS OF THE QUALITIES OF A CAPTAIN, IT HAS TO BE MAEZONO-SENPAI

WELL, THAT'S EXPECTED..

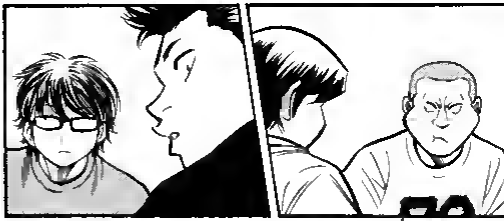
COULD THE COACH BE IN A DILEMMA...
THERE'S ALSO SHIRASU-SENPAI.
SAN FRANCISCO
HE'S ALSO A REGULAR STARTER
NOW THAT YOU MENTION IT, CHRIS-SENPAI DID SAY THAT LAST YEAR ALL THE MEMBERS SUPPORTED TETSU-SAN'S APPOINTMENT.
I'VE HEARD THAT THE TEAM WILL BECOME STRONG IF THE LEADER HAS BEEN IN THE TEAM RIGHT FROM THE BEGINNING...
LINE UP PROPER-LY...
OI, SAWA-MURA
WHO DO YOU THINK IT WOULD BE?
...
THAT SAID... THIS YEAR'S TEAM IS...?

ME...
HAH...
WHAT ARE YOU SAYING!
HUH?
I WILL BECOME THE ACE OF THIS TEAM.
slam

I WILL BECOME THE ACE!
THE ACE AMONG ACES!! THE KING OF ACES!!

KING...

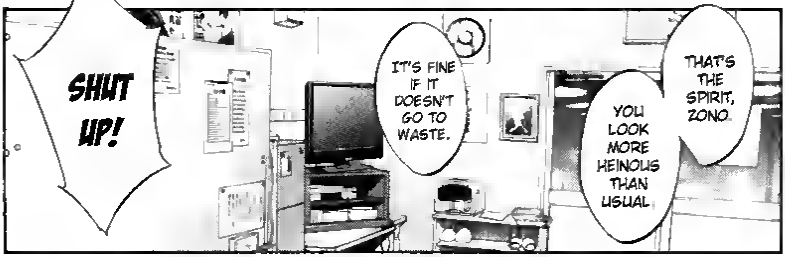
munch
SABRE
DON'T IGNORE ME!!



O... OI! SIT DOWN!
NO ONE'S IS TALKING ABOUT THAT RIGHT NOW!!

DAMN~~ THERE'S NOTHING MORE TO DO BUT EAT!!
GET IT YOURSELF.
HARUCCHI~~ GIVE ME RICE!!
Now~ What should I have for dessert~~
WHAT'S UP WITH HIM?
THAT IDIOT IS SO LOUD!
BUT... AT LEAST HE'S STARTING TO LOOK LIKE HIS OLD SELF...
IS IT ALRIGHT, KAWAKAMI?
THE KOHAI ARE SAYING WHATEVER THEY PLEASE—
THE ACE IS KAWA-KAMI!
munch
munch

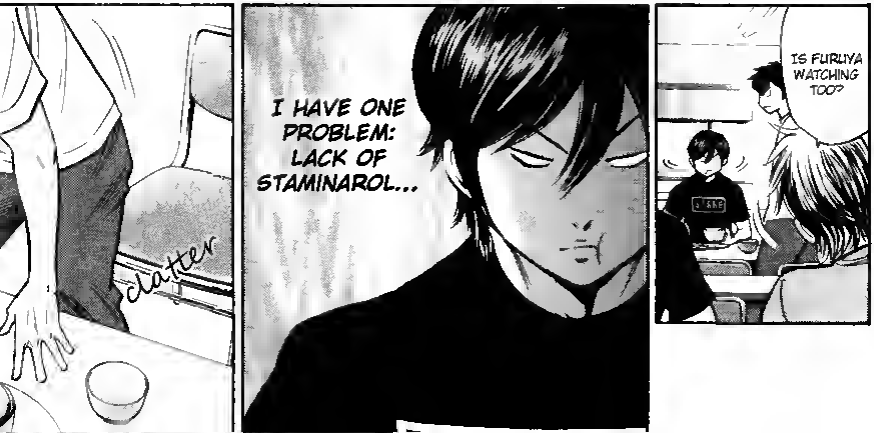
WE'RE THE ONES TO MAKE OUR GENERATION STRONG.


SHUT UP!
IT'S FINE IF IT DOESN'T GO TO WASTE.
YOU LOOK MORE HEINOUS THAN USUAL.
THAT'S THE SPIRIT, ZONO.

clatter
MIYUKI-SENPAI!

HYAH-HA

T&N: STAMINAROL = FURUYA'S PERSONAL WORD TO MEAN (STAMINA + CONTROL) SO HE CAN CLAIM HE ONLY HAS ONE PROBLEM



NORI ...
THAT GUY... HASN'T...

NO, HELP FOR IT...
EVEN I COULDN'T WATCH THE MOMENT WE LOST CALMLY...
slam

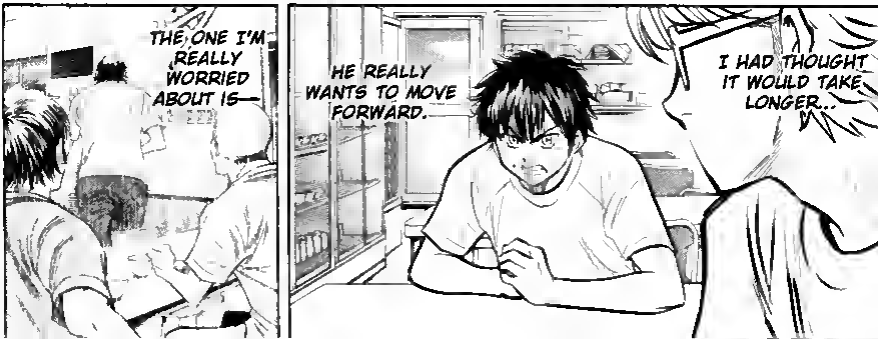
甲子園へ

...
IT WOULD HAVE BEEN BETTER IF I HAD NOTICED EARLIER AND LET YOU TAKE SOME TIME.
YOUR FACE STIFFENS THE MORE OUTS YOU GET...
THE 9TH INNING ...
THIS IS IT...

EVEN THOUGH YOU HIT THE BATTER...
I OVER-REACTED BECAUSE A RUNNER GOT ON BASE ON THE BEAN BALL.
NOW, THINKING ABOUT IT CALMLY, THERE WEREN'T ANY RUNNERS AND JUST ONE OUT TO GO.

P/N BEAN BALL: A PITCH THAT HITS THE BATTER ON "THE BEAN" (THE HEAD)

AND YET, YOU STILL WANT TO WATCH IT...


THE ONE I'M REALLY WORRIED ABOUT IS—
HE REALLY WANTS TO MOVE FORWARD.
I HAD THOUGHT IT WOULD TAKE LONGER...

A DRAMATIC END TO THE 9TH INNING
GAME OVER—
ALSO, ALL THESE GUYS HAVE THE EXPERIENCE OF PLAYING AT KOSHIEN...
INASHIRO HAS 5 CORE MEMBERS REMAINING INCLUDING MEI...
I HOPE YOU REGRET
NOT JOINING OUR TEAM.
IN 10 YEARS, IN 20 YEARS, FOREVER...
EVEN WITHOUT YOU, WE'RE THE STRONGEST TEAM THIS YEAR!!
KAZU-YA..
KOSHIEN IS THE ONLY THING I WON'T GIVE UP ON!
INASHIRO

SINCE YOU'RE GOING THERE, YOU MIGHT AS WELL COME BACK STRONGER—
HMPH...
THE HIGHER THE GOAL, THE BETTER—...

STAFF ROOM
knock knock

HUH!?
AH... KURAMOCHI-SENPAI. THE COACH IS CALLING YOU.

EXCUSE ME.

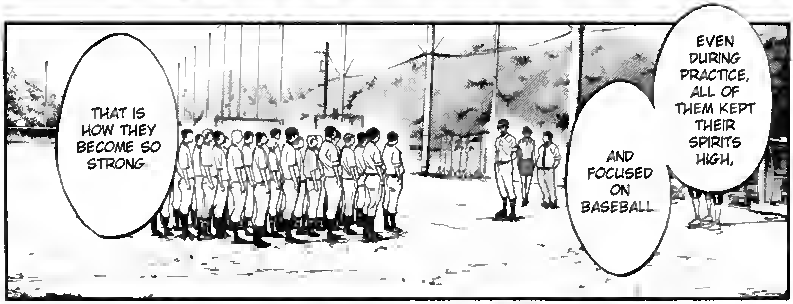
CALLING ME RIGHT NOW MEANS
Huuu—
COULD IT BE...

ZONO!

CHAPTER 196 / RESTART

AUGUST 3RD
THE FIRST DAY THE NEW TEAM BEGINS—
ALTHOUGH A LOT HAS HAPPENED, ALL 59 MEMBERS OF 1ST AND 2ND YEARS GATHERED.
THOSE WHO WENT BACK TO THEIR PARENTS' HOMES
AND THOSE LEFT IN THE DORMS.
SLEPT TOO MUCH
NOT ENOUGH SLEEP

I THINK THAT YOU HAVE LEARNED MUCH,
BUT THERE IS NO GENERATION THAT CAN MATCH THE GROWTH OF THE RETIRED 3RD YEARS.


EVEN DURING PRACTICE, ALL OF THEM KEPT THEIR SPIRITS HIGH,
AND FOCUSED ON BASEBALL
THAT IS HOW THEY BECOME SO STRONG

YOU TOO SHOULD NOT FORGET THE REGRETS OF THAT LOSS.

IT IS MY FAULT AS THE COACH FOR NOT LETTING THEM REAP THE REWARDS.

YES SIR!
NOW, SOME WORDS FROM THE NEW CAPTAIN...
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GREET THEM! JUST KEEP IT SHORT AND SIMPLE.
HUH?
WHAT SHOULD I SAY...
BOOOO
BUKUKU COULD HE BE NERVOUS?
DO IT PROPERLY! ACTING LEADER!!
.....
ERM..

MIYUKI IS... THE CAPTAIN!?
HUH!?
TCH... THAT I EVEN FELT SOME HOPE...
I WANT TO HEAR YOUR OPINIONS.
WHAT DO YOU THINK?

I DON'T THINK THAT HE WILL BE A CAPTAIN LIKE TETSU-SAN BUT...
I THINK MIYUKI IS GOOD.
I STILL CAN'T GET OVER THAT GAME.
I'M NOT THERE YET.
KURA-MOCHI ...
BUT... THAT GUY IS DIFFERENT...
THE WHOLE TEAM INCLUDING MYSELF
HE HAS ACCEPTED THE LOSS AND MOVED ON.

BECAUSE HE HAS BECOME A REGULAR SINCE 1 YEAR,
I HAD SOME DOUBTS THAT HE WOULDN'T UNDERSTAND THE FEELINGS OF THE [illegible] BELOW HIM.
MAE-ZONO-KUN...
I THOUGHT THAT IT HAD TO BE MIYUKI WITH ALL OF MY HEART.
BUT IN TERMS OF BASEBALL KNOWLEDGE AND INFLUENCE, THERE IS NO MAN THAT CAN TOP HIS EXISTENCE.
I'LL LET MIYUKI KNOW RIGHT AWAY.
I GET IT.
ZONO...

BUT IT'S NOT THAT THERE IS NO UNEASINESS AT ALL.
OF COURSE HE WILL BE TAKING OVER AS THE MAIN BATTER.
ALSO, HE HAS TO SUPPORT THE WHOLE PITCHER LINEUP AS A CATCHER.
THE BURDEN MIYUKI BEARS WILL BECOME HEAVIER FROM HERE ON.
...

CAN YOU TWO SUPPORT MIYUKI—...

Huuu—
CAN'T HEAR YOU!
ANYWAY... A WORD
TO BE HONEST, I'M STILL BEWILDERED BUT
ERM, THEN.

MOST LIKELY... I WON'T BE ABLE TO FORGET THAT GAME FOR MY ENTIRE LIFE.

MORE THAN ANYTHING ELSE, THIS IS THE FIRST TIME I FEEL BASEBALL'S FRIGHTENING.

I KNOW OUR INEXPERIENCE,
I ALSO KNOW THAT OUR OPPONENT'S STRONG

ALTHOUGH I FEEL SORRY FOR THE RETIRED 3RD YEARS
WE STILL HAVE ANOTHER YEAR TO GET OUR REVENGE ..
IF WE ARE DOING IT, I WANT THE RESULTS TO MATTER THE MOST...

I WANT US TO BE RAVENOUS FOR VICTORY UNTIL THE VERY END.
……

YOU TALK WELL WITHOUT STAM-MERING.
clap clap clap
clap clap
RAVEN-OUS
INDEED
WE'RE THE ONLY ONES WHO CAN AVENGE OUR SENPAI...
IF WE'RE DOING IT, THEN WE SHOULD WIN! THAT'S OBVIOUS!!
!!
PLEASE PREPARE YOURSEL-VES.
NOW...
I INTEND TO SAY EVERYTHING I WANT TO...
HUH?!? I CAN'T HEAR YOU~~ CAPTAIN!! WITH THAT VOICE!
THEN LET'S START WITH THE WARM UP.
O OI, THAT GUY JUST NOW...
HIS EYES LOOK SERIOUS!!
smirk

FIRST, THE WARM UP!
KEEP YOUR VOICE UP!!

YEAH!
PERSIST-ENCE TOWARDS VICTORY.
THAT IS JUST LIKE THE KIND OF SPEECH MIYUKI WOULD MAKE...
APPOINTING HIM CAPTAIN
Guh... this is hard~
YOU'VE BEEN THINKING OF THAT FOR QUITE SOME TIME?

YEAH...
YUUKI ALSO STRONGLY RECOMMENDED HIM...
...
YUUKI ...
ALSO, THERE'S SOMETHING I NEED TO TELL BOTH OF YOU.

IN THE END, HE STILL HANDED IT IN.

PRINCIPAL.. THIS...

YEAH. NO MATTER HOW MANY TIMES I STOPPED HIM..

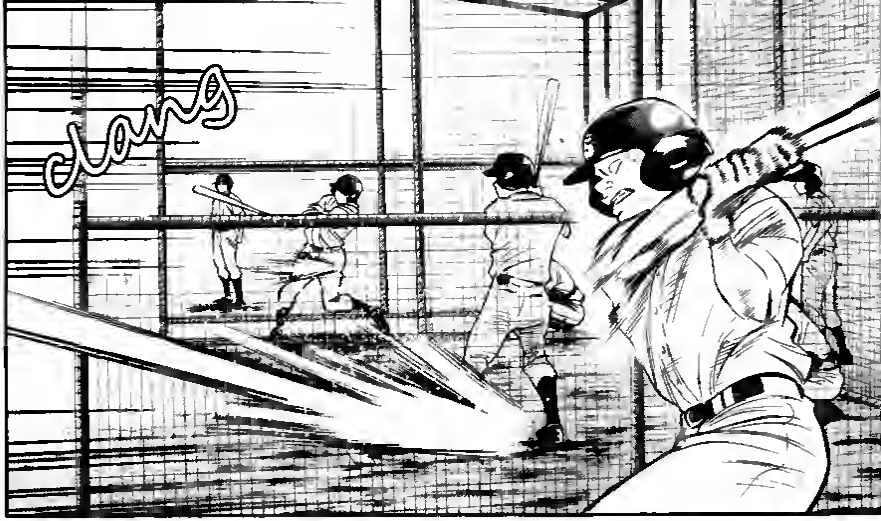
IN HIS OWN WAY, HE MUST HAVE FELT RESPONSIBLE FOR THE LOSS
TO AVOID CAUSING TROUBLE FOR THE TEAM, HE BOWED HIS HEAD AND ASKED TO COACH TILL THE FALL CHAMPIONSHIP...

WELL
IT IS ALSO A FACT THAT WE HAVEN'T SEEN RESULTS AFTER 6 YEARS
HE HAD PROBABLY MADE UP HIS MIND EVEN BEFORE THE TOURNAMENT BEGAN...
Resignation Letter

CHAPTER 197 / RESPONSIBILITY AND DUTY

URAAAAAH!
clash
clang
WOW~~
IT FLEW FAR.

Nah—
URAAAAAA!
BUT YOU STILL HAVE TO HIT IT
fwup
Hyaaaaaa
BUT... EVEN THOUGH THEY ARE OVERSHADOWED BY THE 3RD YEARS, THESE PEOPLE ARE INCREDIBLE.
dang
clang
RECENTLY, THE TRAINING WAS CENTERED AROUND THE MEMBERS SENT INTO THE TEAM
IT CAN'T BE HELPED THAT THEY WANT TO KEEP THEIR BODIES ACTIVE
THE FALL CHAMPIONSHIP QUALIFYING BLOCK BEGINS IN SEPTEMBER!


clang

REALLY, I CAN'T LET MY GUARD DOWN.
THEY ARE REALLY SWINGING HARD EVEN DURING THE CHAMPIONSHIP

clang

clang
clang

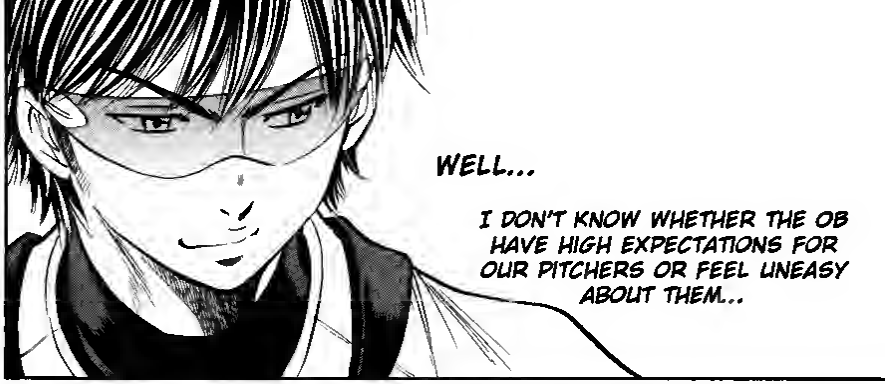
WAIT FOR THE BALL!!
YOU'RE LEANING IN TOO FAR, KURAMOCHI!!
YOUR BAT SWUNG ALL THE WAY OUT!!
MAEZONO YOU'RE SWINGING TOO WIDE
YES, SIR!
Yes, sir!

HUH!?
RESIGN!?
...YEAH
NO... NO WAY... EVEN THOUGH WE MISSED OUT ON KOSHIEN.
WE GOT ALL THE WAY TO THE FINALS THANKS TO THE COACH KATAOKA'S GUIDANCE.
OF COURSE I ASKED... TO COACH THROUGH THE FALL CHAMPIONSHIP, AFTER THE CAREER COUNSELING WITH THE 3RD YEARS AND AFTER THE NEW TEAM'S SETTLED DOWN...
COULD IT BE THE SCHOOL PRINCIPAL...
...NO.

THIS IS MY OWN PROBLEM.
I'M REALLY SORRY FOR SAYING SOMETHING SO SELFISH—

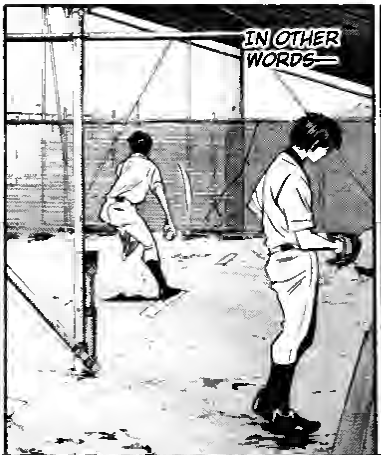
T/N OB STANDS FOR "OLD BOYS", AKA ALUMNI

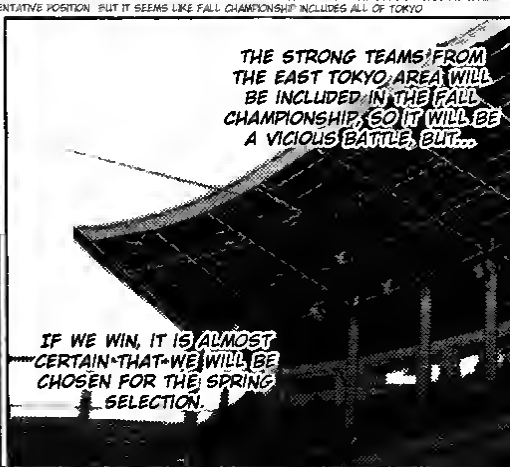
LOOKS LIKE THEY WANT YOU GUYS TO KEEP PITCHING EVEN ON RAINY DAYS...
DOESN'T MATTER. EVEN IF WE DON'T HAVE A ROOF, I'D STILL PITCH!
WHAT ARE YOU FIGHTING OVER!
I'LL SHOW YOU! I'LL DESTROY THE ROOF IN 2 WEEKS.



WHILE GETTING THROUGH THE QUALIFYING BLOCK IN SEPTEMBER IS CONFIRMED,
THE SELECTION GAMES OF THE FALL CHAMPIONSHIP ARE IN OCTOBER—...

T/N: A LITTLE NOTE: EAST TOKYO AND WEST TOKYO ARE CONSIDERED DIFFERENT PREFECTURE CUZ THERE ARE SIMPLY TOO MANY SCHOOLS. IN THE SUMMER CHAMPIONSHIP SEIDOU LOST IN THE FIGHT FOR THE WEST TOKYO REPRESENTATIVE POSITION. BUT IT SEEMS LIKE FALL CHAMPIONSHIP INCLUDES ALL OF TOKYO




THE STRONG TEAMS FROM THE EAST TOKYO AREA WILL BE INCLUDED IN THE FALL CHAMPIONSHIP, SO IT WILL BE A VICIOUS BATTLE, BUT...
IF WE WIN, IT IS ALMOST CERTAIN THAT WE WILL BE CHOSEN FOR THE SPRING SELECTION.

THE FALL CHAMPIONSHIP IS OUR CHANCE TO GO TO KOSHIEN—

bam
IS... THIS PITCHING IT EASY...
UWOOH ...
1ST YEAR CATCHER
KARIBA WATARU
WE HAVE TO GET USED TO HIS PITCHES.
2ST YEAR CATCHER
ONO HIROSHI
burn burn
I REALLY DON'T THINK OF HIM AS A 1ST YEAR LIKE ME
DID HE EVOLVE GREATLY AFTER GAINING EXPERIENCE IN THE SUMMER CHAMPIONSHIP?

ISN'T HE SPIRITED... FURUYA
THAT GUY...
IT'S COOL IN THE SHADE...
WELL... THIS GUY'S PITCHES ARE TROUBLE-SOME TOO!
flop flop
flop
ONO-SENPAI, LET'S DO IT!!

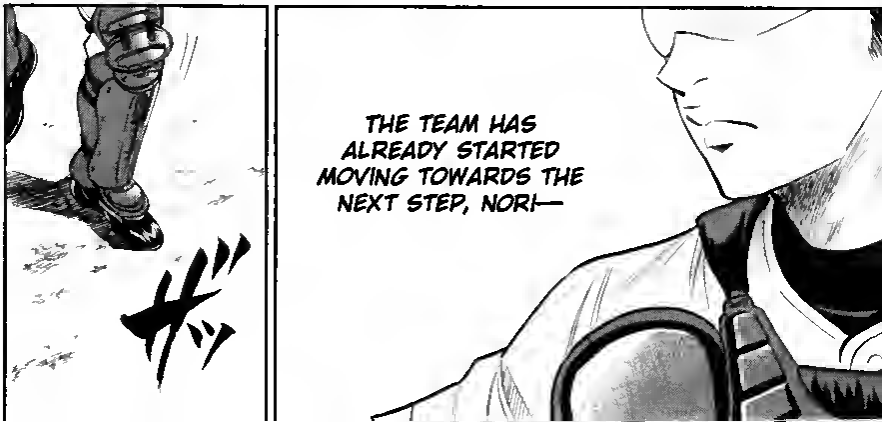
thump
thump
thump

pitch
bam
REALLY?
OK! NICE BALL.
IT'S GOOD!

I'M LEAVING FOR AWHILE.
MY BODY HASN'T WARMED UP YET.
WHAT A RELIEF...
I PITCHED PROPERLY...
NORI-SENPAI...
INSTEAD OF HIS PITCHES GETTING HIT, WHAT'S PAINING HIM THE MOST IS
THE ENDING OF OUR SENPAI'S SUMMER.
IS HE ALRIGHT... NORI THAT IS.

NONE OF THE SENPAI BLAMED HIM AT ALL...
ALTHOUGH WALKING THE 3RD BATTER WAS DEVASTATING.
HE PITCHED BRAVELY ON THE MOUND.
...
...
WELL... THAT IS TRUE...
THE FALL CHAMPION-SHIP—...
IF HE DOESN'T MOVE ON,
THERE'S NOTHING WE CAN DO FOR HIM.

ONLY ONE PERSON
IS ENTRUSTED WITH THE ACE NUMBER.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THE TEAM HAS ALREADY STARTED MOVING TOWARDS THE NEXT STEP, NORI—

DO YOU THINK THAT EVERYONE IS AS STRONG AS YOU?
HMPH... DON'T MAKE IT SOUND EASY!
Hmph—
GET KAWAKAMI BACK ON HIS FEET.
NEW CAPTAIN.

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青道選手図鑑

SEIDOU PLAYER PROFILE

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MAEZONO KENTA (2ND YEAR)

- Born: Osaka pretecture
- Position: 1st baseman
- Throw: right Bat: right
- Bloodtype: O
- Sends pitches deep into right field (if he hits)
- Typical pulling hitter, but actually bad in hitting to the right
- Has a harsh tone but capable of reading the atmosphere and doesn't mind looking atter *Kohai*
- Started in Osaka Boys' League, was in the same team with Azuma Kiyokuni
- His practice swings count is highest in his year
- His voice is the loudest among his year
- Respects Azuma Kiyokuni, Isashiki Jun

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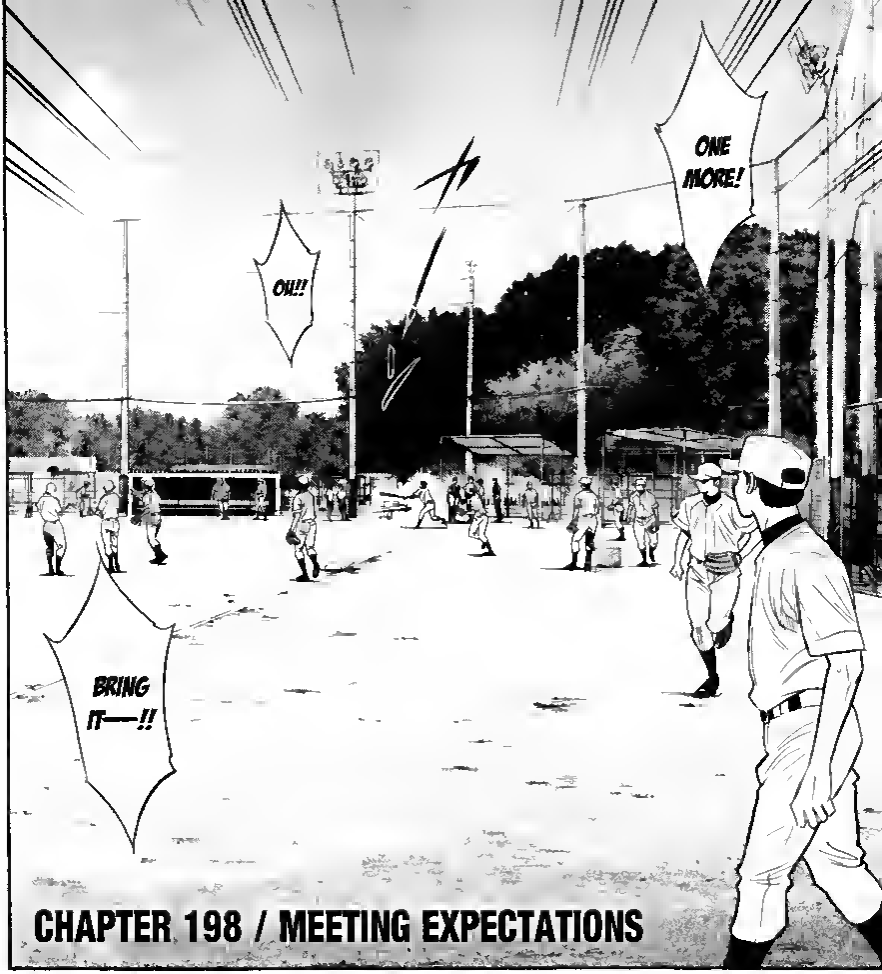
NOW BRING IT ON!

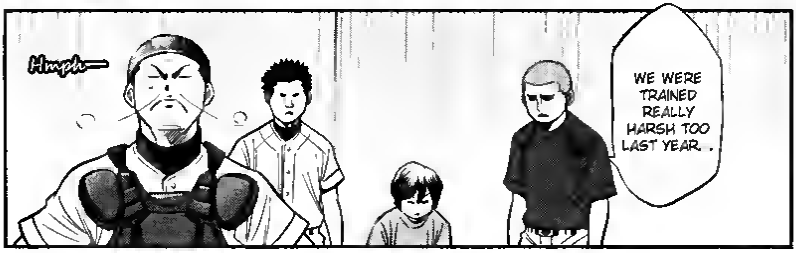


CHAPTER 198 / MEETING EXPECTATIONS

WHY AREN'T THE INFIELDERS CALLING OUT!!
YOSH, LET'S GO—
I CAN STILL TAKE IT!!
Hmph—
GOING AT IT SO HARSH RIGHT FROM THE START.
CLOSED TRYOUT GROUP
clang
YEARGH!
THE ONES WHO CAN LEAST AFFORD TO SCREW UP ARE THE DEFENSE..
WELL... WE CAN SAY THAT BATTING LINEUPS DEPEND ON OUR LUCK.

P/N CLOSED TRYOUT GROUP= THE 3RD YEARS WHO'VE RETIRED FROM THE TEAM BUT ARE STILL AROUND WHILE THEY WAIT FOR THEIR CLOSED TRYOUTS FOR VARIOUS UNIVERSITIES OR PRO TEAMS

BECAUSE THE COACH DRILLS THE BASICS INTO THE TEAM FROM SCRATCH DURING SUMMER BREAK...


Hmph—
WE WERE TRAINED REALLY HARSH TOO LAST YEAR. .

THE DEFENSE SHOULD BE SOMEWHAT ALRIGHT...
BRING IT!
ALL THE TOP BATTERS RETIRED
SO THE BATTING LINEUP BECAME WEAK BUT...

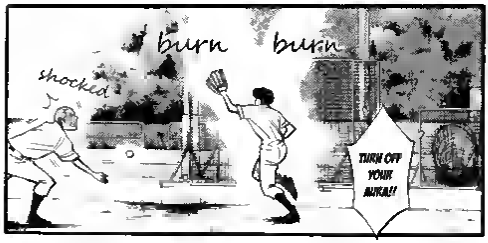
SO . WHAT DO YOU THINK? THE NEW TEAM

MIYUKI AND KURAMOCHI ON THE INFIELD
SHIRASU IN THE OUTFIELD...
ALL THAT'S LEFT IS WHO WILL TAKE OVER THE OTHER POSITIONS...
IT'S GOOD THAT THE 3 REGULARS TRUSTED WITH THE CENTER LINE ARE STILL ON THE TEAM!!

pam
DAH!!
haa
haa
pam

NOW BRING IT!
THAT GUY HE'S REALLY GOOD~~
SHOULD I ASK TO PLAY OUTFIELD INSTEAD.
haa
haa
FIRST, I UNDOUBTEDLY HAVE TO GET ONTO THE FIRST STRING...
THIS GUY WILL MAKE IT... such spirit
3RD BASEMAN
HIGASA SHOUJI
(2ND YEAR)
HNNOH!
I WILL SURVIVE FOR SURE!!

thud
bam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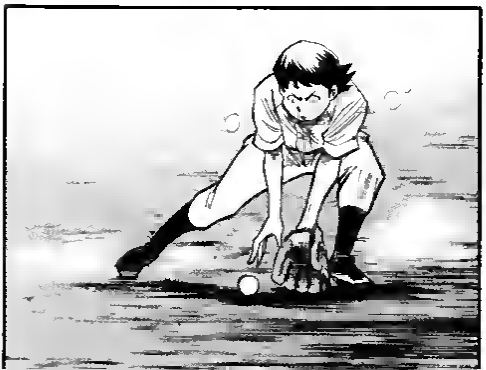
burn
shocked
TURN OFF YOUR AURA!!

OOOOOHHHHH
SA... SAWA-MURA!
IDIOT... FIELDING!



THROW TO 1ST!
GET KAWAKAMI BACK ON HIS FEET, NEW CAPTAIN.
EVEN IF YOU TELL ME TO GET HIM BACK ON TO HIS FEET...
THROW TO 3RD!
DAMN...
CAPTAIN.
HOW?

S... SORRY!
HEY, HEY, HEY? YOU CAN'T BE A LEADER ANYMORE!?
GET A GRIP ON YOUR-SELF!!
OI-OI, WHAT'S WRONG, CAPTAIN!
DAMN... I NEED TO FOCUS MORE...
Hmph

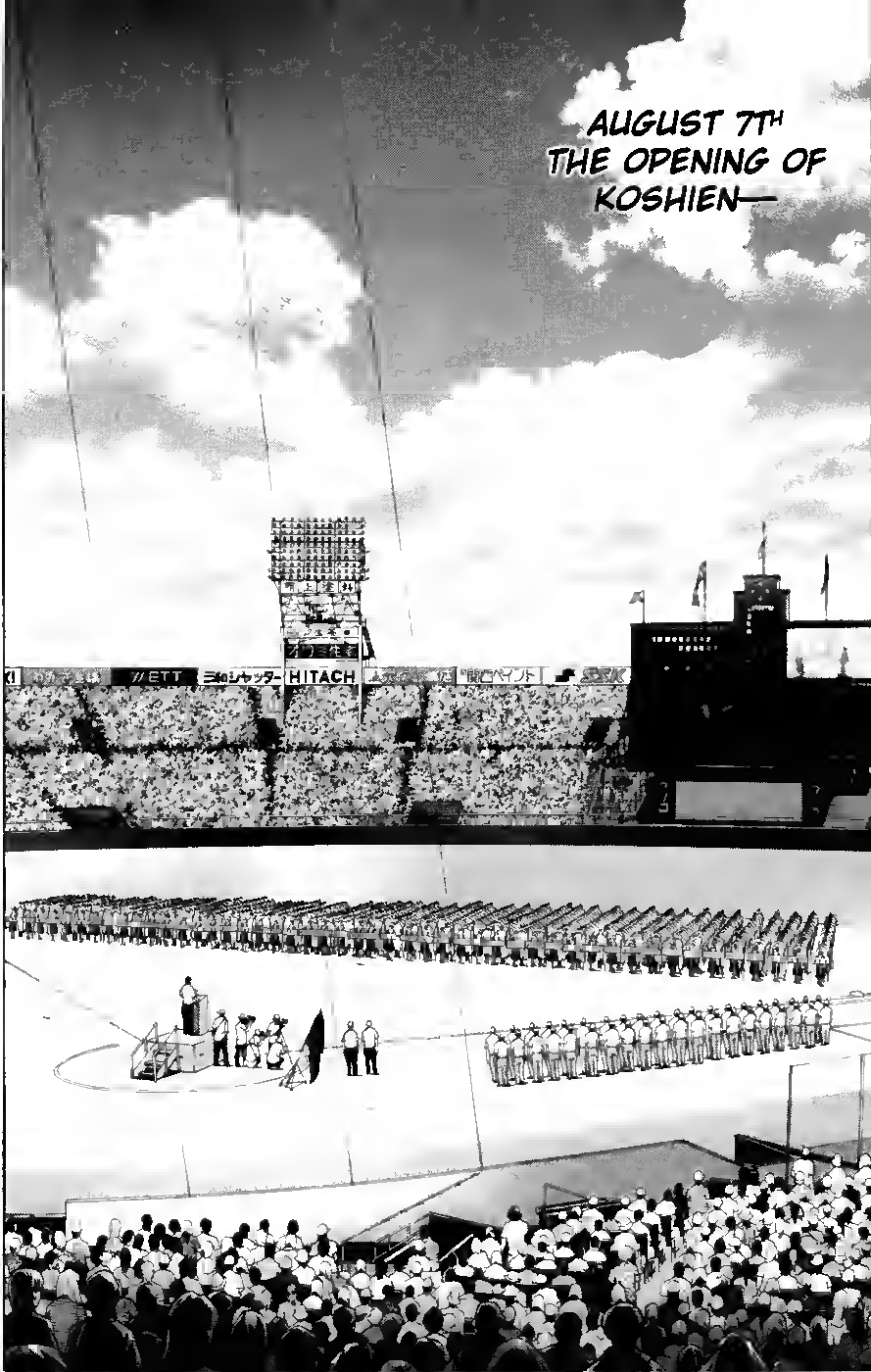
SOMEHOW IT DOESN'T FIT HIM.
THAT GUY AS THE CAPTAIN...
BRING IT—!
WHAT A RARE SIGHT...
Hmph
GO FOR IT—!!
YOU'RE THE ONE WHO RECOMMENDED HIM TO THE COACH, RIGHT... TETSU...
TO 3RD!

IT'S POSSIBLE IF IT WERE HIM.
WHAT'S HE GONNA DO WITH THE INCREASED WORKLOAD!
EVEN THOUGH JUST HANDLING THE PITCHERS IS DIFFICULT ENOUGH...
HE HAS TO DO IT EVEN IF HE HAS IT HARD...
THE CORE OF THE DEFENSE AS THE CATCHER, CLEANUP, AND CAPTAIN.

TO THE TEAM THAT KIND OF MAN IS IN—
THAT'S BECAUSE WE LOST
2

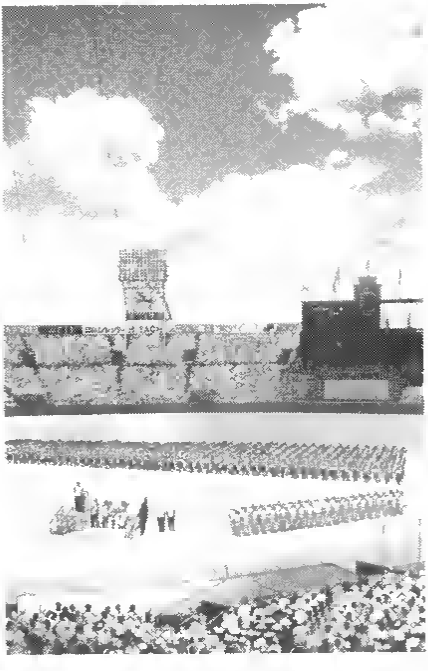
HANSHIN
KOSHIEN STADIUM

HANSHIN
KOSHIEN STADIUM


AUGUST 7TH
THE OPENING OF
KOSHIEN—
HITACH

THE TOURNAMENT IN WHICH 49 SCHOOLS THAT WON THEIR NATION-WIDE QUALIFIERS
WILL BATTLE THROUGH SINGLE ELIMINATION ROUNDS
SO HOT~~
IT'S NOT OVER YET?

THE MAN WHO TAKES THE LEAD IN MAKING THIS SUMMER HOTTER
HIS SPEECH IS TOO LONG.
DO ME A FAVOUR AND KEEP IT DOWN.
STANDS ON THE DREAM STAGE ONCE AGAIN—



Ace of Diamond

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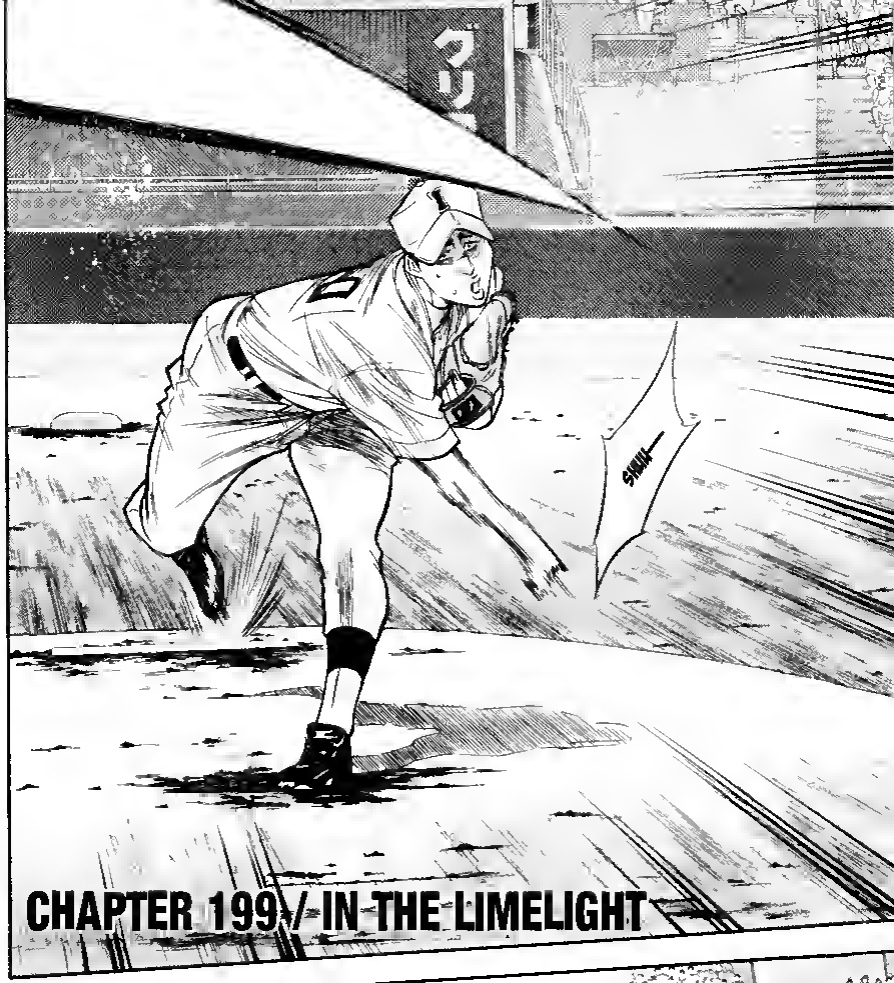


CHAPTER 199 / IN THE LIMELIGHT

GAME OVER—!!
A SHUTOUT VICTORY FOR INASHIRO TECHNICAL'S FIRST GAME!
clap clap clap clap
OI! LET'S GO, MEI.
INASHIRO (WEST TOKYO) - ICHIZEN (KAGAWA) 7-0
I WAS SWITCHED OUT UNEXPECTEDLY AGAIN!!
HEY YOU! LINE UP NOW!
Dash! Dash!!

MEANWHILE
SEIDOU FIELD

PRACTICE GAME
SEIDOU
(WEST TOKYO)
-
SAITAMA SAKAI
(SAITAMA)

Nice pitching!

HE'S IN TOP CONDITION!
PITCHED FOR 5 INNINGS, 9 STRIKE OUTS

Awesome
THAT GUY IS INCREDIBLE...
THAT MONSTER ROOKIE STRUCK OUT A LOT OF INASHIRO BATTERS
王球
王球

ON THE MOUND DURING THE FINALS GAME, MY STAMINA RAN OUT QUICKER THAN I EXPECTED...
I'M PITCHING AT FULL STRENGTH
ARE YOU EVEN THINKING OF PACING YOURSELF?
HUH?
HEH...
END OF THE 7TH INNING
YOU KNOCKED YOURSELF OUT!
haa— haa—
I'M FINE
DON'T PUSH IT!
THIS GUY... HE DID USE HIS HEAD A LITTLE...
I WON'T LET ANYONE SAY I LACK STAMINA AGAIN.

8TH INNING,
SAWAMURA
PITCHING

bam
HARUCCHI!
Yeaaaaah!
AS EXPECTED FROM ONII-SAN'S YOUNGER BROTHER!
THAT KID... I THOUGHT HE WOULD BE HUNG UP ABOUT THAT...
OOHH~~ THREE UP, THREE DOWN.
Sawamura isn't bad.
HE'S REALLY STRONG...

thump
thump
thump
CALM YOUR-SELF.
I GET IT!!
YOUR TRAJECT-ORY IS TOO EASY!
JUST SO YOU KNOW, IT'S JUST BECAUSE THE BATTERS JUST NOW BATTED POORLY...
thump
DAMN... WHAT'S WITH THAT..
THE ORTHODOX RIGHT PITCHER AND ABNORMAL LEFT PITCHER
NOT TO MENTION BOTH ARE 1ST YEARS...
IT'S WORTH NURTURING THEM. RIGHT, KATAOKA-SAN...
I'M SO JEALOUS...

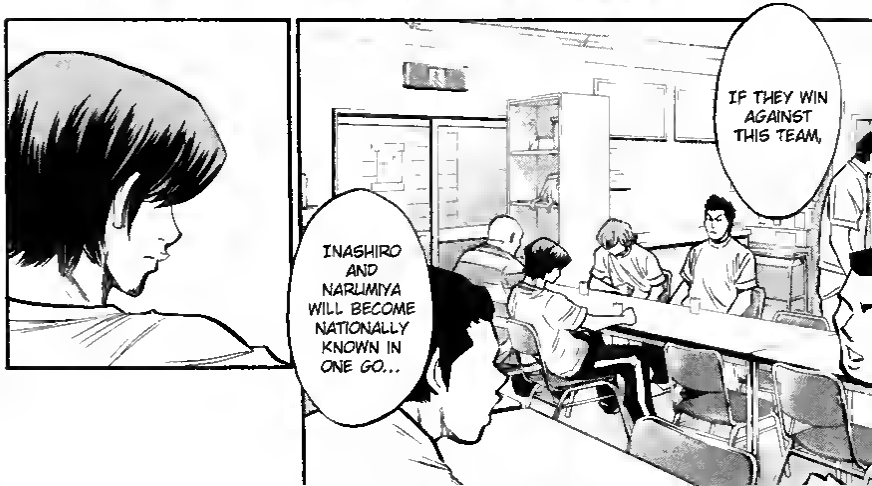
Yeah!
1ST ROUND
SHUT UP!
LINE UP!
THE START OF THE NEW SEIDOU TEAM'S VICTORY
チーム 一 二 三 四 五 六 七 八 九 十 計
青道 0 1 0 0 2 0 0 0 0 3
堺 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0
AND THEN IN THE 2ND GAME OF THE DOUBLE-HEADER

7 WALKS, 5 HITS.
THE STARTING PITCHER, KAWAKAMI, WAS UNABLE TO HOLD OUT FOR 5 INNINGS.

EXPLOSION OF THE BATTERS, 14 HITS!!
INA-SHIRO
BEST 16 SHUTOUT
OS. U KIDYUU'S TAUGHT'S TEAM'S OF REGRET
THE TWO PITCHERS WHO ADVANCED THROUGH THE 1ST AND 2ND ROUND WITHOUT GIVING UP ANY RUNS. FROM THE LEFT: IGUCHI (3RD YEAR) NARUMIYA (2ND YEAR)
INA-SHIRO OVER-WHELMING BATTING AND PITCHING!
YOUBEI INASHIRO
0 0 1 2
1 0 3 4
0 0
Hmm
NARUMIYA HASN'T GIVEN UP ANY RUNS AT KOSHIEN YET
If it bothers you that much, don't read it
Hmmmm
INASHIRO WON AGAIN.
NEXT THEY WILL COME UP AGAINST THE FAVOURITE, SEIHOU...
140 METER HIT
SANO
SEIHO

SANO SHUUZOU
THE MONSTER SLUGGER WITH A RECORD OF 67 HITS IN HIGH SCHOOL.

THEIR TEAM GAINED MOMENTUM WITH THAT WALK-OFF WIN!
OSAKA KIRYUU TACHI'S TEARS OF REGRET
GETTING A HUGE HOMERUN OFF THAT OSAKA KIRYUU'S TACHI-SAN..


INASHIRO AND NARUMIYA WILL BECOME NATIONALLY KNOWN IN ONE GO...
IF THEY WIN AGAINST THIS TEAM,

I'M COOL WITH IT...
AS EXPECTED IT DOES WEIGHT ON OUR MINDS .
NARUMIYA AGAINST SANO .. IF INASHIRO'S STRENGTH CAN BE GAUGED THROUGH THIS,
clatter
WHETHER THOSE GUYS WIN OR LOSE
I DON'T WANT TO SEE EITHER..

MoonStar

CHAPTER 200 / IF HE WEREN'T SERIOUS

一二三四五六七
SEIHOU 000000
INASHIRO 000000

KUNITOMO-SAN ALSO... RAISED AN INCREDIBLE TEAM.
SEIHO
Yay—
I SEE. THEIR DEFENSE IS SOLID TOO...
NO WONDER THEY HAD 2 SHUT-OUTS IN A ROW.

WHAT KIND OF HELL HAS HE GONE THROUGH
So hot~~
1
TO PITCH WHILE LOOKING DOWN ON OUR BATTERS...
AND YET, WHAT'S MORE FEARSOME IS THAT PITCHER...
SEIHOU HIGH COACH
NISHIDERA GOU
BUT DON'T BE INTOXICATED BY SUCH A GOOD GAME.
LISTEN UP, SHUUZOU YOU DON'T GET TO EXPERIENCE A GAME THIS EXCITING OFTEN
YES SIR!!
WE DIDN'T COME HERE TO MAKE MEMORIES!
WE CAME TO WIN!

nod
13
ISHIRO

It's about time to score!!

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第一試合 第二試合 第三試合

A TIMELY HIT BY THE CAPTAIN BREAKS THE TIE.

BOTTOM OF 8TH, INASHIRO TECH HAS FINALLY TAKEN THE LEAD THEY'VE BEEN HOPING FOR.

FOR THE LAST 2 GAMES, INASHIRO HAS WON WITH THEIR NARUMIYA-IGUCHI RELAY.

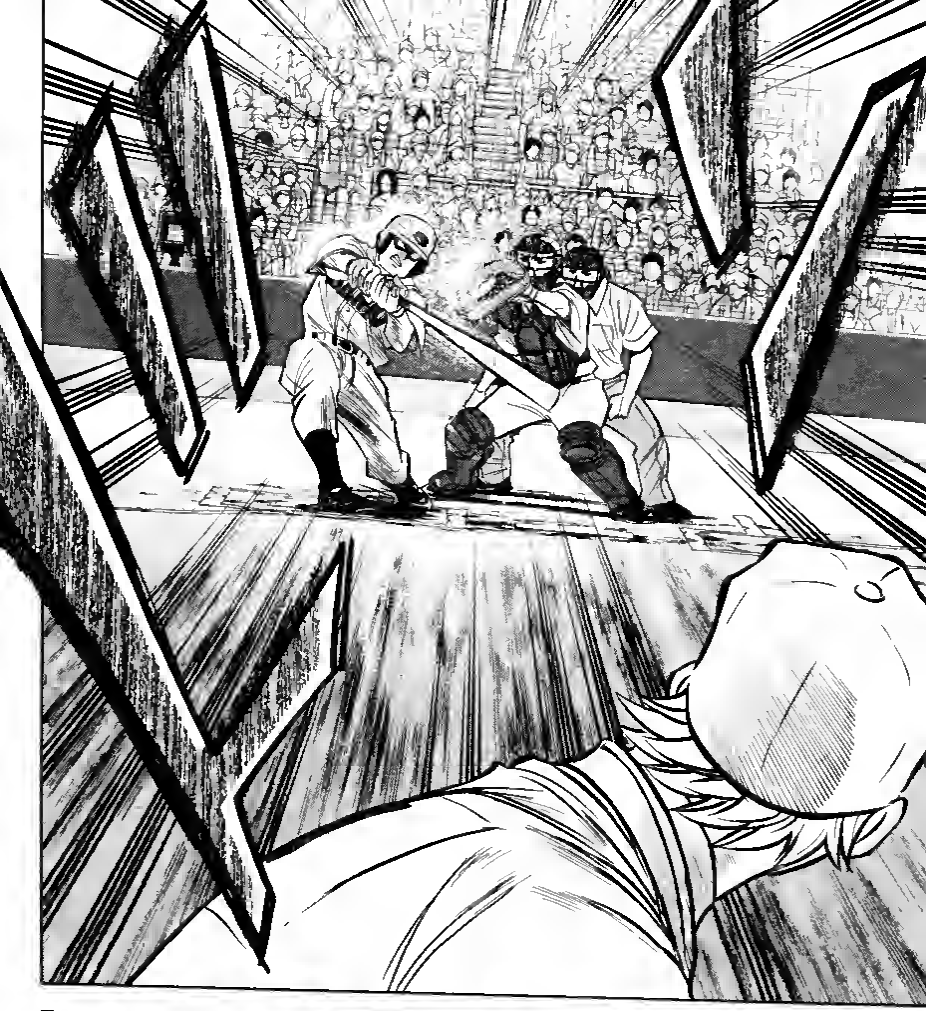
pash

SEIHON IS LEFT WITH ONE LAST AT-BAT—

RIGHT NOW, ACE NARUMIYA IS ENTRUSTED WITH THE MOUND FOR THE LAST INNING.
Hmm—
INASHI
AND IN THE BATTER'S BOX IS THIS MAN—
EVEN THOUGH THERE ARE 2 OUTS, THERE'S A RUNNER IN SCORING POSITION.
SEIDOH SHOWING THEIR PERSISTENCE!

HE'S BEEN STRUCK OUT TWICE AND HELD OFF PERFECTLY BY NARUMIYA SO FAR.
MONSTER SANO!
BRING ME THAT PITCH—
HIM BEING UP AT THIS TIME.
INDEED, THIS GUY SURE HAS IT IN HIM...
INASHIRO
Hmm—

ONCE AGAIN!
SHOW IT TO ME
ONCE AGAIN...
THAT CHANGEUP—



DAMN...

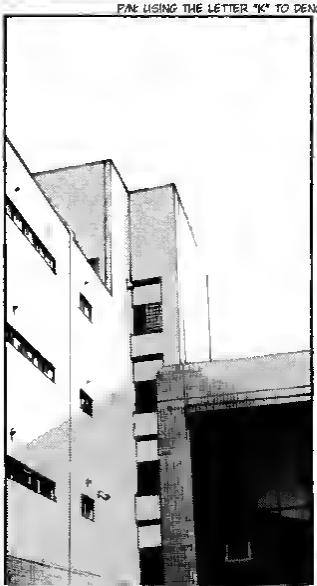
THERE'S NO REASON I SHOULD PITCH IT...
SINCE YOU'RE THAT CONSCIOUSLY THINKING OF IT,
Men~~
BECAUSE I PAID A HEFTY PRICE FOR IT IN THE QUALIFIER...
Your own world
INASHIRO TECHNICAL'S 3RD CONSECUTIVE SHUTOUT.
TEARING THROUGH THE FAVOURITE, SEIHOU, TO ADVANCE TO THE QUARTER-FINALS—!!

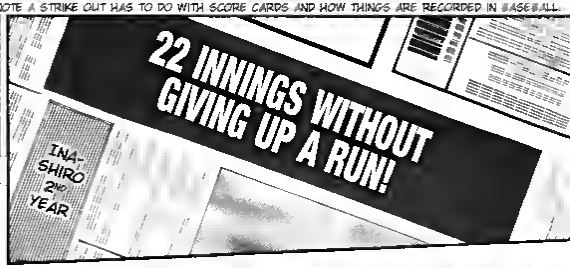
SHUTOUT OPPONENT SEIHOU

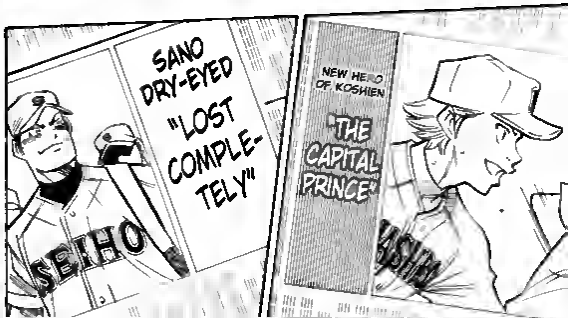
INASHIRO NARUMIYA

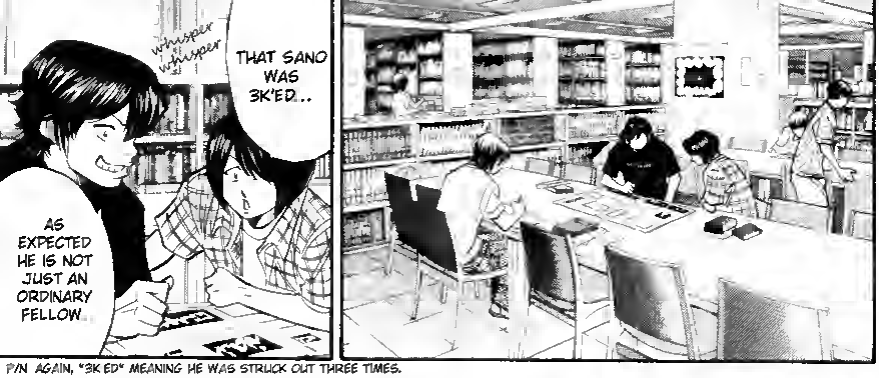
MONSTER SANO 3K

T/N: K MEANS STRIKE OUT. THE NUMBER IN FRONT OF K IS THE NUMBER OF TIMES HE STRUCK "MONSTER SANO" OUT. P/N: USING THE LETTER "K" TO DENOTE A STRIKE OUT HAS TO DO WITH SCORE CARDS AND HOW THINGS ARE RECORDED IN BASEBALL.



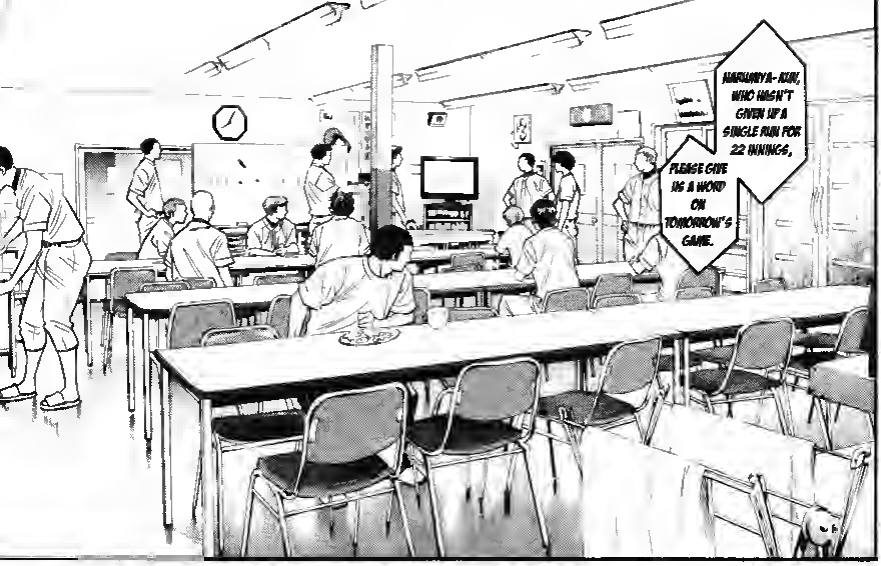


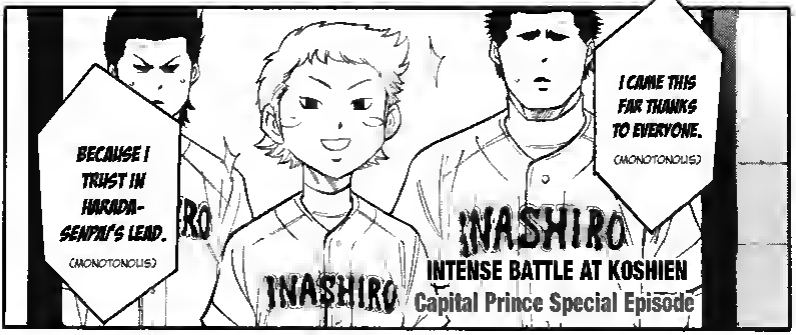




P/N AGAIN, "3K ED" MEANING HE WAS STRUCK OUT THREE TIMES.

MEI!!
NA～～
RU～～
MIYA～～
KAHAHAHAHAHA
I'LL SEND HIM FLYING —!!
SEND YOU FLYING!!
ISN'T HE BEING SCOUTED BY THE MAJOR LEAGUES?
That's nice—
THIS GUY HE MUST BE PROFITING A LOT
AH～～ I WANT MO-NEY～～


HARUHIYA-KUN, WHO HASN'T GIVEN UP A SINGLE RUN FOR 22 INNINGS,
PLEASE GIVE US A WORD ON TOMORROW'S GAME.


I CAME THIS FAR THANKS TO EVERYONE.
(MONOTONOUS)
BECAUSE I TRUST IN HARADA-SENPAI'S LEAD.
(MONOTONOUS)
INASHIRO
INASHIRO
INTENSE BATTLE AT KOSHIEN
Capital Prince Special Episode

THAT ISN'T YOUR CHARACTER ...
Putting on that innocent front...
HE IS A REALLY RELIABLE SENPAI.
AIM FOR KOSHIEN!

INDEED, HE WAS EVEN MENTIONED IN THE MORNING NEWS.
YEAH, THAT? MEI-CHAN CRAZE?
Mei-chan!!
BUT SEEING HIM OVERLY ACTIVE SOMEHOW MAKES ME MAD
WELL... THEY WON AGAINST US. IT WILL BOTHER US IF THEY LOST THAT EASILY...
THE QUARTER-FINAL MATCH IS TOMORROW
INASHIRO TECHNICAL, WHERE NARUMIYA-KUN'S FELLOW UNIQUE TEAMMATES GATHERED.
AT THIS RATE, THEY WILL RACE TO THE PEAK IN ONE GO—

WE DIDN'T LOSE.
DIDN'T LOSE OUT IN TERMS OF REAL STRENGTH...
OUR SENPAI...
BRING IT!
EVEN SO..

TRUST IN MY TEAM AND DO OUR BEST—!!
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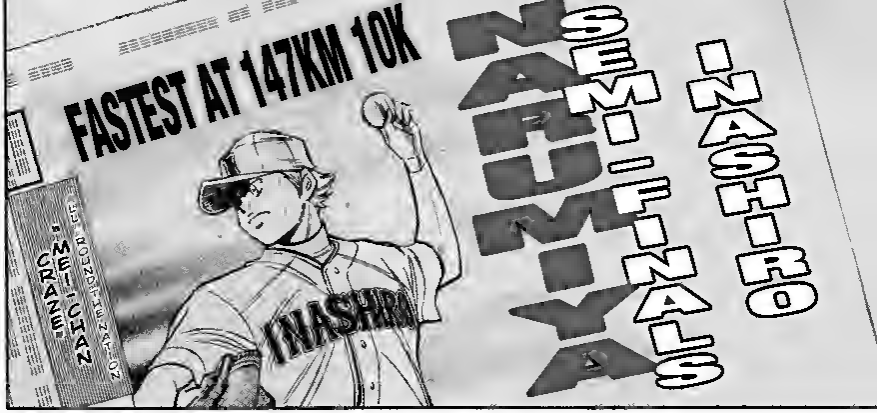
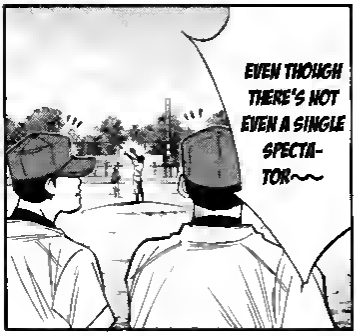
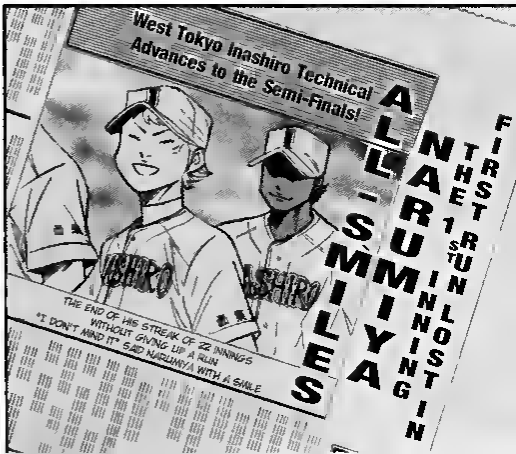
PLEASE LEND US YOUR GUIDANCE!



P/N: 10K = 10 STRIKE OUTS.




West Tokyo Inashiro Technical Advances to the Semi-Finals!
ALL-SMILES NARUMIYA
FIRST RUN LOST IN 1ST INNING
THE END OF HIS STREAK OF 22 INNINGS WITHOUT GIVING UP A RUN
"I DON'T MIND IT" SAID NARUMIYA WITH A SMILE

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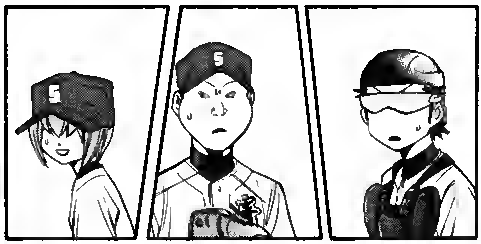


TODAY IS THE SEMIFINALS! AND AN INCREDIBLE ATMOSPHERE TO BOOT!
WE KNOW! EVEN IF YOU DON'T SAY IT!
UNEXPECTEDLY LOSING TO A DARK HORSE IN THE 3RD ROUND
WHAT... WHAT'S WITH THAT GUY! SAYING THINGS THAT REMIND US ON PURPOSE!

Huu—

flop
flop
flop
I CAN STILL PITCH.
TAKING OVER FOR STARTER PITCHER FURUYA IN THE 6TH INNING IS RELIEF PITCHER SAWAMURA.

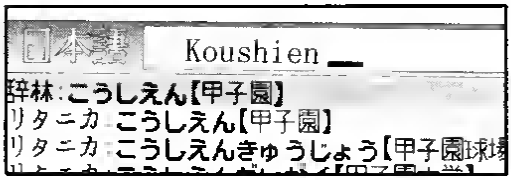
SORRY!!
I'LL BE CAREFUL NEXT TIME!!
I TOLD YOU THE TRAJECTORY IS TOO EASY!
IF THIS WERE THE KOSHIEN YOU TALKED ABOUT, YOU WOULD HAVE GONE UP IN FLAMES!
Thank you!
GIVING UP 1 RUN IN THE 7TH BECAUSE OF A HIT AND WALK,
AFTER THAT, THE FURUYA-SAWAMURA RELAY EARNED THEIR 4TH WIN BY SUPPRESSING THEIR OPPONENT COMPLETELY—...

IT'S GONE— HOMERUN!
Hmph!
6TH BATTER YAMAOKA'S HUGE 2ND HOMERUN IN THIS CHAMPION-SHIP.
Thud—
INCLUDING 3RD BATTER YOSHIZAWA'S TIMELY HIT, WITH 4 RUNS IN THIS INNING, THEY TURNED THE GAME AROUND!
INTENSE BATTLE AT KOSHIEN
Semifinals 2nd game

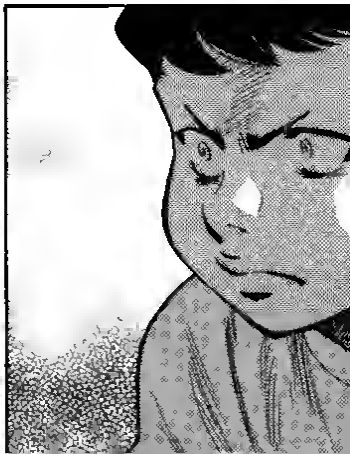
POSSIBLY FROM THE FATIGUE OF CONTINUOUS PITCHING, HE GAVE UP 2 RUNS IN THE 1ST.
BUT ACE NARUMIYA'S CONDITION BECOMES INCREASINGLY BETTER.
IKUEI PICKED UP 2 MORE RUNS FROM RELIEF PITCHER IGUCHI IN THE 8TH.
AS THEY HAVE DREAMED FOR 16 YEARS, INASHIRO TECHNICALS ENTERS THE FINALS FOR A 2ND TIME—!
THEY CLOSE THE LEAD TO 3 RUNS, BUT THAT'S AS FAR AS THEIR COUNTER ATTACK GOES.
INASHIRO TECHNICALS 7-4 IKUEI HIGH
(WEST TOKYO) (MIYAGI)

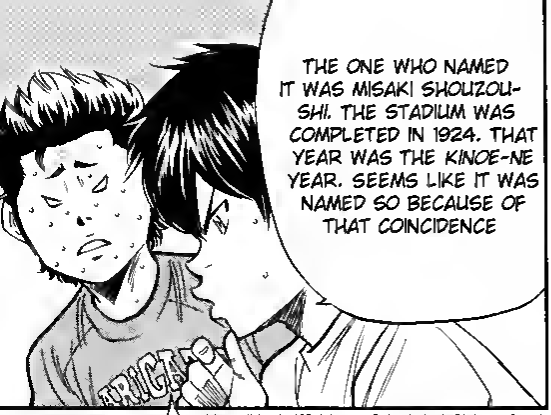
SINCE WE HAVE WATCHED TO THIS POINT, LET'S WATCH IT PROPERLY TO THE END.
NIXON

SO THAT WE WILL NEVER FORGET THAT REGRET.


Koushien
辞林:こうしえん【甲子園】
リタニカ:こうしえん【甲子園】
リタニカ:こうしえんきゅうじょう【甲子園球場

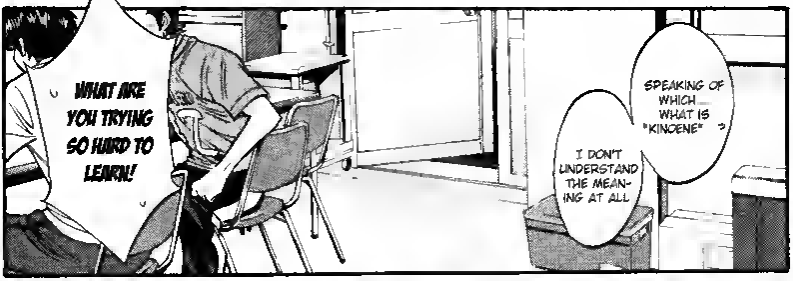
WHAT HAVE YOU BEEN DOING ALL THIS TIME...?
.....
Hm

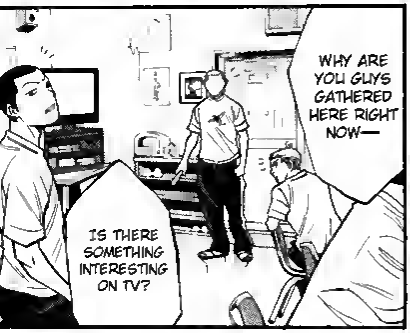


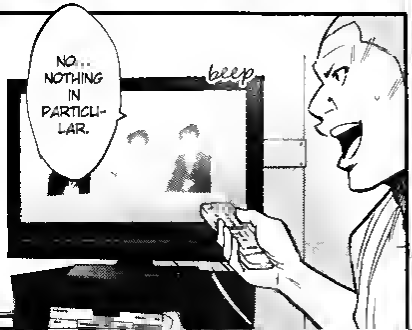

THE ONE WHO NAMED IT WAS MISAKI SHOUZOU-SHI. THE STADIUM WAS COMPLETED IN 1924. THAT YEAR WAS THE KINOE-NE YEAR. SEEMS LIKE IT WAS NAMED SO BECAUSE OF THAT COINCIDENCE

T/N REFERENCE TO THE SEXAGENERY CYCLE. KINOE IS THE FIRST YEAR OF THE TEN HEAVENLY STEMS. NE IS THE FIRST YEAR OF THE TWELVE EARTHLY BRANCHES. KINOE YEAR COINCIDES WITH NE YEAR EVERY 60 YEARS. 1924 HAPPENS TO BE THE KINOE-NE YEAR. THE KANJI FOR KINOE-NE CAN ALSO BE READ AS KOUSHI. EN IS AN AREA. THEREFORE, KOSHIEN

T/N -SHI IS A VERY OLD FORM OF HONORIFIC USED TO A RESPECTED INDIVIDUAL







creak
creak
AH... SURE
THERE IS NO MORE ICE IN MY ROOM'S FRIDGE..
I CAME TO GET SOME

ISASHIKI-SENPAI..
PRODUCT
IT SEEMS LIKE INASHIRO WILL BE PLAYING IN THE FINALS.

HUH?
O... OI, SAWAMURA...

I THINK THAT SENPAI DIDN'T LOSE TO INASHIRO'S PLAYERS AT ALL.
SENPAI DIDN'T LOSE.
E... EIJUN-KUN..
THE... ONE...
NOT STRONG ENOUGH... IS ME...
NO MATTER HOW MANY TIMES I WATCH THE VIDEO, I STILL CAN'T ACCEPT IT...
IT'S PATHETIC

AT THE VERY LAST MOMENT, I GOT SCARED OF INASHIRO'S BATTERS...
...
I SEE. JUST ONE MORE TO KOSHIEN
HUH?
Hahaha
TO BE HONEST I HAVEN'T BEEN THINKING ABOUT THAT AT ALL
HUH!?
WHY GO SO FAR..
WHY... DO SO MUCH SO RESOLUTELY ...

WHAT DOES IT MEAN...
TO GO TO KOSHIEN...
PRINCE
NARUMIYA
MEI

WHAT IS THERE TO BE FOUND ON THAT STAGE...

HOW THE HELL SHOULD I KNOW.
BECAUSE I DIDN'T HAVE THE CHANCE TO GO TO KOSHIEN.
... HUH?
SORRY, JUN-SAN...
TCH... IT CAN'T BE HELPED IF HE'S THAT.
squeeze
AS YOU KNOW, THIS GUY IS THAT.
AH... NO... THAT'S NOT WHAT I MEANT
THEN WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY THAT, HUH!?

T/N: MOST LIKELY REFERRING TO KY (SOMEONE WHO CAN'T READ THE ATMOSPHERE)

NO ONE WOULD INTENTIONALLY SET AN EASILY ACCESSIBLE PLACE AS THEIR GOAL.
Don't move!! Damn you!
ALTHOUGH I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU ARE LOOKING FOR IN KOSHIEN...

IT IS A DREAM BECAUSE IT CAN'T BE ACHIEVED EASILY.
IT'S A CHALLENGE BECAUSE IT'S DIFFICULT.

WHAT IS THERE AT KOSHIEN?
Don't make me laugh
HMPH.

IF YOU WANT TO KNOW, THEN GO SEE WITH YOUR OWN EYES.
CLOSE IT IF IT IS OPENED.
YOU BASTARD.

slam
JUN-SAN...
WITH MY OWN EYES...
W...
JUST SO YOU KNOW, AT THE CURRENT STATE YOU GUYS ARE IN, YOU'RE NO GOOD AT ALL!
kacha
shocked
EVERYONE IS WATCHING YOU GUYS! TAKE ACTION WITH THAT IN MIND!!
MIYUKI! ZONO! KURAMOCHI!!

KAWA-KAMI!!
shocked
HOW LONG ARE YOU GONNA KEEP THAT GLOOMY FACE!!
Y... YES!
ALSO YOUR BATTING! IN THE PRACTICE GAMES, YOU DIDN'T EVEN SCORE ANY RUNS AT ALL!
KEEP DOING PRACTICE SWINGING UNTIL THE SKIN TEARS OFF YOUR HANDS!!
DON'T LET THE 'F' YEARS TAKE AWAY YOUR STARTING POSITIONS!
Y... YES!!
DON'T YOU STILL HAVE ANOTHER CHANCE!!
QUIT MOPING AND FACE FORWARD!!
IT'S BEEN AWHILE— SINCE YOU ROARED LIKE THAT!
EASTER-NS!!
Tch

You said something unnecessary
THAT I HAVE RETIRED...
AH—... DAMN.
SOMEHOW... THERE'S NO SENSE OF REALITY JUST NOW
INASHIRO... IN THE FINALS... DAMN IT.
WE CAN ONLY TAKE OUR REVENGE IN UNIVERSITY
I CAN'T WAIT THAT LONG!!
YOU'RE SO FULL OF KILLING INTENT.
TO BE CONTINUED IN VOLUME 24

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自分の中でも大きな山だった稲実との試合を描き終え
正直少し燃え尽きてしまいました‥‥。
(どう読んでもらえているかは、ま、おいといて(汗))
でも試合を描き終えても、夏はまだ終わっていない。
チームも選手も次に向かってまた歩んでいかなくてはいけない‥‥。
そして自分も‥‥。
漫画のストーリーと自分の気持ちが妙にリンクしてたな。
この巻はキャラクター達が描かしてくれた気がしてならない。

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THEIR RESPECTIVE SUMMERS CONTINUE—.
THE SCENERY THAT INASHIRO'S NARUMIYA SEES AT KOSHIEN IS!?
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WE PRACTICE BECAUSE WE DON'T WANT TO LOSE!
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THERE'S NO WAY WE CAN SAY THAT THE HEAT IS EXHAUSTING !!
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